



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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**12 VAC 5-60 –State Emergency Medical Services Plan**  
**Department of Health Agency**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

Virginia Department of Health proposes to repeal the State Emergency Medical Services Plan.

### **Result of Analysis**

The costs and benefits of the proposed changes are likely to be insignificant for all of the proposed changes.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) proposes to repeal the State Emergency Medical Services Plan. These regulations contain goals and plans for statewide emergency medical services. None of the requirements in this regulation appear to be enforceable. Instead, the language is more normative in the sense that it describes how the statewide emergency medical services should be managed and what the goals are. Moreover, the current plan is outdated as it has not been updated since 1983. Finally, the Code of Virginia, Section 32.1-111.3, does not require that the plan should be a regulation.

Given the fact that these regulations do not contain enforceable requirements and out of data by more than two decades, there does not appear to be any economic reason not to repeal them. Furthermore, their proposed repeal is not expected to create any significant economic effects.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

There are over 718 licensed emergency medical services agencies and approximately 33,000 personnel. However, because of the lack of any enforceable requirements, these entities are not likely to be effected.

## **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed changes apply throughout the Commonwealth

## **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed regulations are not likely to have any significant effect on employment.

## **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed regulations are not likely to have any significant effect on the use and value of private property.

## **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

The proposed regulations are not likely to have any costs or other effects on small businesses.

## **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

The proposed regulations are not likely to have any adverse impact on small businesses.

## **Legal Mandate**

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 21 (02). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the

regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.